

**Minutes of the
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting**

Held 7pm, January 8, 2007, San José City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Floor, Room T847

1. **Call to Order** - As the most senior committee member present, Bart Thielges called the meeting to order at 6.05pm.

Present

Don Barnett
Steve Crosby (for Bob Halem)
Martin Delson (for Charlie Payne)
Luis Mendez
Doug Spiedel (for Lane Parker)
Bart Thielges
Yolanda Reynolds

Absent

Eugene Cordero
Lawrence DeSantis
Corinne Winter

Staff

John Brazil

2. **Approval of Order of Business** – Approved.
3. **Oral Petitions** - None.
4. **Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2007** – Ms. Reynolds moved approval, Mr. Thielges seconded. Mr. Barnett noted that he was the member in Item 5(b) who had to leave the meeting early. The motion passed 7-0-0.
5. **New Business** – Mr. Brazil noted that only four members were present at this meeting (plus three members represented by alternates.) He suggested that all New Business items would benefit from having more members present to participate in a full discussion.
 - a. **Election of 2007 Officers** - Ms. Reynolds moved to defer this item until the next meeting; Mr. Barnett seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.
 - b. **2007 Committee Priorities** - Ms. Reynolds moved to defer this item until the next meeting; Mr. Mendez seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.
6. **Old Business** – Mr. Brazil reported there was no new information on these items.
 - a. **Numbered Bikeway Update**
 - b. **County Expressway Pedestrian Planning**
 - c. **SJ Airport**
7. **Staff Report** – Mr. Brazil reported on the final outcome of bicycle-accommodation-at freeway-interchange issue the committee had discussed at several 2006 meetings. He stated that BPAC Chair Charlie Payne had signed a letter to Caltrans requesting improved bicycle accommodation at freeway interchanges, and that the letter had been mailed to Caltrans. This letter was prepared by staff in response to Eric Nordman's request to the committee in 2006. Mr. Nordman had pointed out the need in San Mateo

County for better accommodation of bicyclists at freeway interchanges. He requested that San Jose send a letter supporting his effort. The committee had agreed the issue existed in San Jose and that a letter to Caltrans requesting attention to this issue would be helpful.

Mr. Brazil reported that the Bicyclist & Pedestrian Program web page was recently completed and made accessible to the public. It provides useful public information and resources. The page can be viewed at

www.sanjoseca.gov/transportation/bikeped_program.asp

8. **Committee Member Comments** – Mr. Thielges reported on VTA BPAC activities: (1) Construction on Cupertino's Mary Avenue-Hwy 280 pedestrian over crossing (POC) is scheduled to begin in April 2007; (2) Caltrain's proposed pedestrian under crossing at its Santa Clara station is only planned to reach the northbound Caltrain tracks, not to connect eastward to Brokaw Road; and (3) the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is considering limiting the number of projects a public agency can seek from its Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) program.
9. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7.30pm.